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### **Opportunity to Comment on the Buck Project**

The Nantahala National Forest, Tusquitee Ranger District, is preparing an environmental assessment for the Buck Project. Management activities are proposed for National Forest System lands on the Tusquitee Ranger District in eastern Clay County that are designed to improve the health of the existing forest ecosystems in the areas proposed for work by (1) implementing silvicultural treatments through commercial timber harvest; (2) implementing site- and species-specific stand improvement prescriptions to encourage the regeneration of natural vegetation; (3) conducting treatments to control damaging infestations of grape and pipe vines through a combination of mechanical and herbicide treatments; (4) conducting thinning and burning treatments to improve conditions for botanical species; (5) building temporary road segments to access stands for silvicultural treatments; (6) conducting treatments to improve watershed condition and aquatic organism passage; (7) daylighting select sections of National Forest System roads; (8) implementing slashing treatments and increasing the prescribed burning program in the Serpentine Barrens area to restore unique ecosystem components; (9) planting herbaceous annual, biennial, and perennial native pollinator species in log landings, as practical, to provide foraging habitat for insects, birds, and other wildlife; (10) creating linear wildlife openings on sections of decommissioned temporary roads; (11) rehabilitating existing wildlife openings that are in poor condition; (12) implementing three new prescribed burns totaling approximately 3,600 acres; and (13) controlling invasive species by spraying approved herbicide solutions along all system roadsides and selected areas within

treatment units. This project is subject to the pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR §218 Subparts A and B. The Buck Project Environmental Assessment (EA) is available online by following the "Land and Resources Management" and "Projects" links at: [www.fs.usda.gov/nfs-nc](http://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs-nc). The EA and supporting documentation are also available for review at the Tusquitee Ranger District office in Murphy, NC. Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from Sarah Bridges, Tusquitee Ranger District, 123 Woodland Drive, Murphy, NC 28906, 828-837-5152.

### **How to Comment and Time-frame**

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in The Asheville Citizen Times and the Cherokee Scout. The publication date of the legal notice in the Asheville Citizen Times, the newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments per §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that

their comments are received in a timely manner.

Written comments must be submitted to: Andy Gaston, District Ranger, Tusquitee Ranger District, 123 Woodland Drive, Murphy, NC 28906, 828-837-5152 or (828) 837-8510 (fax). The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to [comments-southern-north-carolina-nantahala-tusquitee@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-north-carolina-nantahala-tusquitee@fs.fed.us). For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8).

Please state "Buck Project" in the subject line when providing electronic comments or on the envelope when replying by mail.

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